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STATEMENT OF COMMON OWNERSHIP

I, Adan Ayala, PTO Reg. No. 38,373, hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the Patent and Trademark Office Fax No. (571) 273-8300 on 10-30-06

  
Adan Ayala

Dear Sir:

The present application identified above was owned at the time the invention of the present application by Delta International Machinery Corp., a subsidiary of Pentair Inc. Similarly, US Published Application No. 2002/0174755 ("Behne") was owned at the time the invention of the present application by Porter-Cable Corp., a subsidiary of Pentair Inc. Accordingly, both the present application and Behne were ultimately commonly owned by Pentair Inc. at the time the invention of the present application.

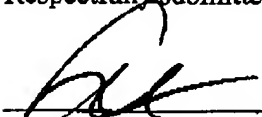
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Furthermore, both the present application and Behne have been assigned to and are presently commonly owned by Black & Decker Inc.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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